



8:30 Worship Service 9:45 Sunday School 11:00 Worship Service

Pressing on with Pastor Deb - PASTOR DEBRA DAGUE

I used to scoff at “old” people who told me to savor every moment because it goes quickly, but now that I’m one of those old people, I see how much wisdom there is in that advice. As much as I lament the passing of time, I love the milestones it brings. It seems like my first two months as your pastor have flown by but there has been many precious moments. In March, we welcomed Dave & Rosella Ealy, Cole Hall, Mark & Linda Weese, and Carol Blankenship to our Elm Grove Family. There are probably a few names you may not recognize. Let’s celebrate that! That means that there are new people who are finding their home at Elm Grove UMC. On April 30th, we celebrated the Baptism of Archer Kimpel, son of Matthew and Laura J. Kimpel. Let me remind you again of the commitment that our church family has made to Archie, “We will surround Archie with a community of love and forgiveness and keep him in our prayers.”

The greatest privilege I have had in my time with you is to officiate at the funeral services of Thelma Lennex, Milan Voslick, and Pat Shamblin. My time with them was short but it was an honor to say to each of them, “Well done thy good and faithful servant.” Transitioning into EGUMC has been a busy time filled with worship, fundraising, Bible Study, transitioning into the parsonage (thank you for such a lovely home), and so much more. I am excited at where God is leading our church and I am looking forward to sharing more of what that looks like as we move forward. More importantly, I am looking forward to walking beside each of you on the journey.

It has been exciting to be about God’s work. My body has been going full speed ahead but there were times when my mind and soul have screamed for rest. I soon was reminded that I needed to be more mindful about savoring my moments with Jesus. I pray a lot more and in ways that were different than I usually do. I listened to meditations and guided prayers and restarted writing in my prayer journal. I have also jumped back into spending quality time in

God's Word. In my chaotic world this was a huge blessing.

I share this to state that it is easy for life to take over and for us to mindlessly give over control of our days to the fullness of our calendars, family responsibilities, work demands, and all of the things that constitute our day-to-day lives and in the midst of this we fail to make space to nurture our souls and feed our spirit.

As we enter into this season of sunshine and popsicles, let us make sure we are savoring every moment of life and carving out intentional space to feed our spirits, to connect with God, and to keep it well with our soul.

-Pastor Deb

Elm Grove United Methodist Choir News - ANITA CHOPS

Hello Church.

I can't believe how quickly this year has gone by. We are now into Spring and deciding what the summer schedule will look like. Of course, we always need soloists, groups, instrumentalists, and the like. If you know of anyone that would like to qualify in any of these categories, please contact me at 304-551-1414. I have several people signed up already but would love to have some suggestions from the congregation.

Once again, I would like to thank the Adult Choir members for a wonderful choir season.

Practice every Wednesday from 6:30 to 7:30ish, singing every Sunday and sometimes at the 8:30 services also. Such a great group to work with. Truly, if you like to sing, you would love this group to sing with. So much fun and fellowship. I need to cover 15 Sundays, and you could sing at the 8:30 or 11:00 or both.

Let's Praise God with a Joyful Noise, Anita

United Women In Faith - ANITA CHOPS AND JUDY BEAVER

United Women in Faith shall be a community of women whose purpose is to know God, to experience freedom as whole persons through Jesus Christ, to develop a creative, supportive fellowship, and to expand concepts of mission through participating in the global ministries of the church.

Our United Women In Faith year will end on May 11 with our annual **MOTHER/DAUGHTER/FRIEND LUNCHEON** at 12:00. Reservations are expected. There is a sign-up sheet on the Welcome Table in the narthex. We need to know your name, phone number and the number of guests you hope to bring. There is NO CHARGE for the dinner, but donations would be accepted.

The menu for dinner is ham loaf, scalloped potatoes, green beans, salad, dessert, and beverage.

Our meetings this year were terrific. Our programs, led by the women and minister of the church were very spirit led. We had on average from 15 – 20 women in attendance.

It's a great organization. We usually meet on the 2nd Thursday of every month except for June, July, August, January, and February (although February didn't turn out so bad this year). We have lunch at 12:00 noon, brought by the members and a dessert and refreshment brought by a hostess. We have a short program and a short business meeting. It really is a great organization. If you feel you want to join us at any time, contact our co-presidents.

Anita Chops and Judy Beaver

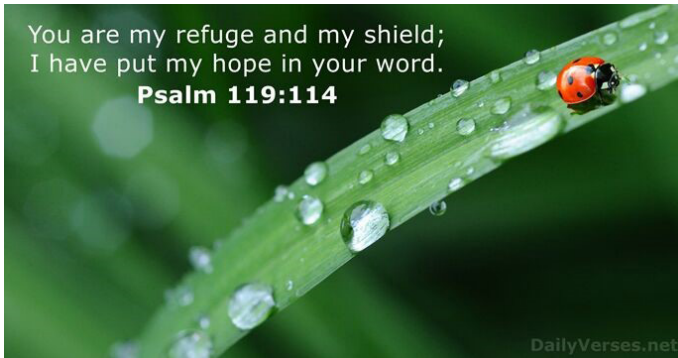
*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him,
so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.*

Romans 15:13

Hospitality/Family Fellowship

Grooving in the Grove - BECKY MCCULLOUGH

This will be our 2nd year participating in Grooving in the Grove. Grooving in the Grove is on May 13th at 3pm at the YMCA. It is a family-friendly event offering various activities. EGUMC will be offering kid-friendly activities. Please consider volunteering your time at this great event!



*Thank you, thank you,
thank you !!!!!*

Thank you to all those who have helped in anyway for the funeral lunches. This is a wonderful ministry and we couldn't do it without everyone's help.

Thank you very much

- Jan Coffey and Karen Stewart

Welcoming new members...

On March 26th, we welcomed new members:
Dave & Rosella Ealy, Cole Hall , Mark & Linda Weese, and Carol Blankenship.



From the Stewardship Committee - SUSI WHITECOTTON

The Fish Fry was a huge success. Thank you to the cooks, the bakers, the workers, the donors, and everyone who helped make the fish fry a success. We cleared about \$1400.00.

On Saturday, May 13 we are having a quarter auction. Doors open at 11 and the auction starts at 12. Along with the quarter auction, we will have a Chinese auction, concessions, 50/50 drawing, and door prizes. We have 14 vendors signed up to participate.

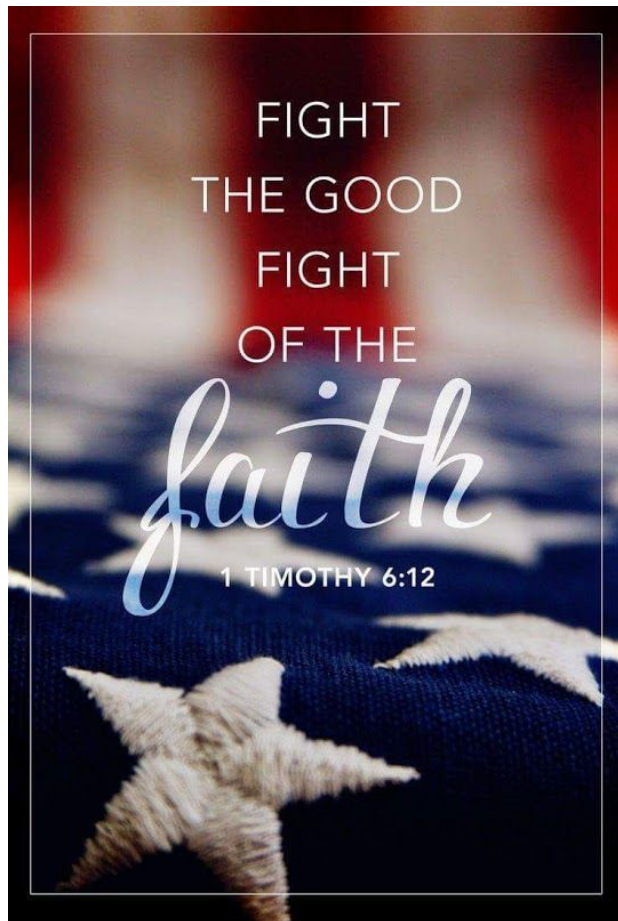
The plant sale has gone very well. Kudos to Molly for all her hard work. As soon as we get a delivery date, it will be announced. Thank you all for participating.

Nancy King made EGUMC t-shirts for us. Nancy charged us for her costs only and we cleared about \$250. She has suspended making more right now but will resume operation in the Fall if anyone is interested in a t-shirt.

Susi Whitecotton, Stewardship Chair

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

- Isaiah 40:31



Our Deepest Sympathy

With heavy hearts, we acknowledge their death...

Thelma Lennex March 11, 2023

Milan Vosvick, Jr. April 14, 2023

Patricia Shamblin April 19, 2023

Mission News - JAN COFFEY



Iney's Pre-Loved Boutique

We are in the process of switching the clothing over from winter to spring/summer. The boutique is open the 1st & 3rd Saturdays of every month, 8:30 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Workers are always needed, please contact Jan at the church, 304-242-1206 or 304-242-6842.

Free Community Luncheon

We opened our doors several months ago to those who would like a good meal and even better fellowship.

It is held the 3rd Saturday of every month from 11:00am to 12:00pm.

If you would be interested in helping with this most rewarding experience, contact Nancy McCord or just stop in and meet your neighbors.

Monthly Missions

Thank you to everyone who gives so generously to our monthly mission drives. The inventory totals are as follows:

February – Bridge Street Middle School, after school lunch bags: (35) Mac & cheese cups, (45) Mashed Potato cups, (290) Individual packets of Pop-Tarts.

March – YWCA Domestic Abuse Shelter: (40) Shampoo/Conditioner, (25) Body Wash, (3) Deodorant.

April – House of the Carpenter: Paper Towels & Toilet Paper
(totals will be reported in the next newsletter).

Upcoming mission drives—

May – House of the Carpenter: Peanut Butter & Jelly.

June – House of the Carpenter: Cereal

July – Ohio Co. Animal Shelter: Items TBA

August – Wheeling Housing Assoc.: Shampoo/Conditioner, Deodorant, Bar Soap, Shaving Cream.

If you would like to join this fun & rewarding team, please contact Nancy McCord.

The LORD will keep you from all harm—
he will watch over your life;
the LORD will watch over your coming and going
both now and forevermore.
Psalms 121:7-8

Now faith is confidence in what we hope for
and assurance about what we do not see.
Hebrews 11:1

Education Team - JIM STULTZ, ASBURY CLASS TEACHER

Currently our class is in the process of choosing new study material since our previous material has been completed.

We will continue our journey in the new study material to discuss the past and look to find ways to “keep the faith” in a very similar time.

Please join the Asbury Class in the boardroom, off of the front entrance, by the Coffee Cafe every Sunday at 9:45am...bring your Cafe coffee with you...All Our Welcome!

God bless.
Jim Stultz, Class Teacher

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Isaiah 40:31

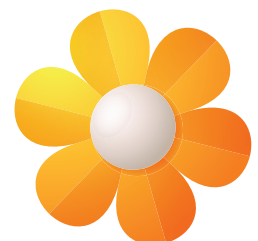
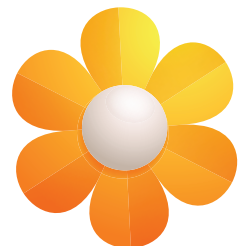
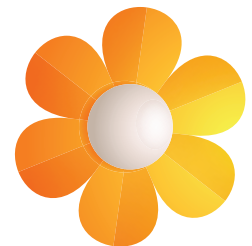
Lois' Stitches of Caring - KAREN STEWART

We are making blankets for Pre K children at Madison Elementary School and Ritchie Elementary School. Some of those are in the picture.

We are also making hats for Patty Jewett to send to her son, who lives in Baltimore. The hats will go to homeless people.

We also just donated Lap Blankets and some prayer squares to Valley Hospice.

If any one needs something for a friend, neighbor, co worker or family please tell either Karen Muldrew, Sandy Morgan or Karen Stewart we will be glad to give you something.



United Methodist Men -BILL DANIEL

The United Methodist Men have lost a long-time member. Milan Vosvick passed away April 14. Milan was an active member and served as President for many years. He helped coordinate fundraisers and was heavily involved with Boy Scout Troop 29 where he served as Scoutmaster for decades. Milan and the United Methodist Men also recognized the contributions of those who volunteered with young people in the church with the Good Samaritan Award for youth and the Cross and Flame Award for adults. Methodist Men's meetings will be held the first Saturday of the month at 9 in the Old Fellowship Hall. We will have coffee and donuts. For more information about meetings and the United Methodist Men, contact Bill Daniel at 304-231-7545.

*We always thank God for
all of you, mentioning you
in our prayers.*

-1 Thessalonians 1:2



Bragging Rights

Maggie Rowe, granddaughter of Sherry Nolan, is graduating from Wheeling Park High School and attending West Liberty University this year.

Baptisms

Archer Warren Kimpel was baptized April 30. He is the son of Matthew and Laura J. (LJ) Kimpel and the grandson of Todd and Joyce Kimpel. Standing with Archer is his cousin, Edward Matthews, the son of Dan and Laura Kimpel Matthews and grandson of Todd and Joyce Kimpel.



Upcoming Events and Updates

***** Plant sale update *****

The plants will be delivered Wednesday May 17 at 3:30 pm.

Girl Scout Troop 10128

Girl Scout Troop 10128 would like to thank everyone who bought cookies. We appreciate all the support. Proceeds from the cookies go to renewing the Girls \$25 membership and Ordering their sashes and patches which can cost from \$40 - \$65. You help us make sure girls can come and enjoy girl scouts at no cost to them.

Thank you
Kaitlyn Folmar
Troop Leader

Boy Scouts Troop 29 - SCOTT BERESH

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO SUPPORTED OUR 1ST INDOOR YARD SALE AND OUR MULCH SALE. Your help is greatly appreciated.

We will be going to Gettysburg July 30 - August 5.

Due to the success of our initial indoor yard sale, we will again be hosting this sale in the fall.

SALE DATES WILL BE FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 22 from 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM and SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23 from 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM.

We will start taking reservations for tables in August. Sign up will be at the church welcome table.



INDOOR ELM GROVE UMC "YARD" SALE

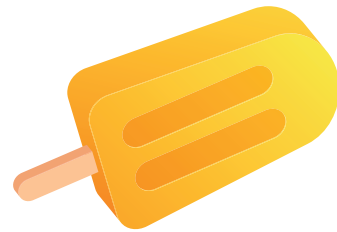
WHEN: FRIDAY SEPTEMBER 22, 2023 - 4:30 PM - 7:30 PM
SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 23, 2023 - 9:00 AM - 2:00 PM

WHERE: ELM GROVE UMC - 125 KRUGER STREET
WHEELING, WV 26003

CONCESSION STAND FOOD

36 INDIVIDUAL VENDOR TABLES

ORGANIZED AND RAN BY BOY SCOUT TROOP 29!!



And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.
But the greatest of these is love.
1 Corinthians 13:13

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Worship Service Attendance

Date	8:30 a.m.	11 a.m.	Sunday School
January 29, 2023 (one service)		63	0
February 5, 2023	39	50	26
February 12, 2023	27	48	28
February 19, 2023	42	36	25
February 22, 2023 (Ash Wednesday)		35	
February 26, 2023	36	57	32
March 5, 2023	41	56	29
March 12, 2023	34	50	29
March 19, 2023	41	47	26
March 26, 2023 (one service)		60	26
April 2, 2023 (Palm Sunday)	41	48	30
April 6, 2023 (Holy Thursday)		36	
April 7, 2023 (Good Friday)		36	
April 9, 2023 (Easter)	51	70	12
April 16, 2023	28	44	11
April 23, 2023	29	40	28

Memorial Gifts

To Trustee Fund

In memory of Thelma Lennex

David & Karen Muldrew

Susi Whitecotton

Bob & Sandy Morgan

In memory of Milan Vosvick

David & Karen Muldrew

Paul Grimes

Doug Estep

Susi Whitecotton

Asbury Sunday School Class

Jim & Charlene Stultz

In memory of Pat Shamblin

Susi Whitecotton

In memory of Pat Shamblin

Susi Whitecotton

To Lois's Stitches of Caring

In memory of Thelma Lennex

Todd & Joyce Kimpel

To Funeral Dinner Fund

In memory of Thelma Lennex

Gretchen Cunningham

To Boy Scout Troop 29

In memory of Milan Vosvick

James & Linda Horenkamp

Paul & Yvonne Kapalko

Steve & Luba Kapalko

Come to me,
all you who are weary and burdened,
and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28



Elm Grove U.M.C. Birthdays & Wedding Anniversaries

May

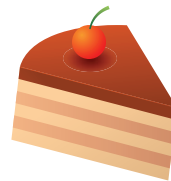
HASTINGS, Dale	05/04
JONES Sr., James	05/06
KIMPEL, Matt	05/08
STEWART, Karen	05/09
LAING, Gresh	05/10
CLARK, Adam	05/11
FORDYCE, Betty	05/13
MCCORD, Nancy	05/13
HOPKINS, Clarence	05/16
LAING, Gresh	05/17
HASTINGS, Jacob	05/18
LOUGHMAN, Sandy	05/19
WARD, Ashley	05/19
HARVILLA Sr., Steve	05/20
HUGHES, Diana	05/20
MARTIN, Hannah	05/20
CARPENTER, Jacob	05/22
OLIVER, David	05/22
FADOUL, John	05/23
KIMPEL-MATTHEWS, Laura	05/23
CAREY, Haleigh	05/24
ORGAN, Pepper	05/25
BOYD, Betty	05/26
GARDNER, Julia	05/27
JONES, Colin	05/27
STULTZ, James	05/27
CAREY, Joseph	05/28
MCCORD, David	05/28
BLOWERS, Dave	05/29
RICHMOND, Amanda	05/31

June

GROVES, Brandon	06/01
KIMPEL, Aria	06/02
ESTEP, Robin	06/03
MCCORD, Cassidy	06/03
MCQUAY, Jean	06/03
CLARK, Richard	06/04
HENDERSON, Jared	06/07
ROGALSKI, Virginia	06/07
KIMPEL, Emily	06/10
RITZ, Anya	06/11
HOFFMAN, Bernadine	06/12
WARD, Lollyanne	06/14
WARD, Don	06/17
SMITH, Dianna	06/18
WARD, Joyce	06/19
MCCORD, Corwin	06/20
KARR, Polly	06/21
PARSONS, Debra	06/21
STULTZ, Charlene	06/21
POSEY, Vicky	06/22
WARD, Jessica	06/22
SIMMS, Jayna	06/25
BERESH, Gavin	06/26
HARVILLA, Nancy	06/27
KIMPEL, Carson	06/27
MCCORD, Deborah	06/29

July

FOLMAR, Rhett	07/03
HUGHES, Amy	07/03
GARDNER, Tanya	07/05
RITZ, Amy	07/07
COFFEY, Janice	07/10
BEAVER, David	07/11
HODGKISS, Sally	07/11
JONES, Catherine	07/12
FOLMAR, Chelsea	07/13
SUTER, Carol	07/16
ARMSTRONG, Hunter	07/17
CAREY, Caroline	07/17
DICKMAN, Pat	07/17
BEISNER, Richard	07/18
MILLARD, Ruth	07/18
CHASE, Amy	07/19
WADE, Shirley	07/21
GEER, James	07/22
MCKAIN, Mary Lou	07/23
ROWE, Mason	07/23
KRIPP, Jean	07/24
MCCORD, Charles	07/24
MORGAN, Sandy	07/24
APLEGARTH, Sara	07/26
GRAY, Louise	07/26
REED, Phyllis	07/26
HASTINGS, Jennifer	07/27
CURTO, Cooper	07/28
SWIGER, Patty	07/28



Wedding Anniversaries

May

RAY, Scott & Katie	05/02
HASTINGS, Dale & Jennifer	05/17
ESTEP, Jerry & Robin	05/19

June

MORGAN, Bob & Sandy	06/05
STEWART, Ed & Karen	06/05
KIMPEL, Todd & Joyce	06/12
MULDREW, David & Karen	06/19
KIMPEL, Matt & Laura	06/22
GEER, Phil & Joyce	06/30
HARRIS, Gregory & Kayla	06/30

July

HUFF, Don & Mary Sue	07/03
HARVILLA, SR., Steve & Nancy	07/04
WARD, Don & Sharon	07/16
WHITCOTTON, Doug & Tina	07/16
JONES, SR., James & Catherine	07/17
OLIVER, David & Stacey	07/22
KING, Gary & Nancy	07/26
LAING, Gresh & Kate	07/27
LAING, Peggy & Gresh	07/31



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Special Note: We have been updating our membership records in Power Church. Please notify our church office if you see someone listed incorrectly on our birthday or anniversary lists. Also, please let us know if we have omitted anyone.

We hope you like our Newsletter!!

If you don't let us know

If you do let us know

If you see an error, please let us know.....

If you have seasonal pictures you want to add, please send them our way....

If you have articles to include send them our way....

Your Newsletter team; Joyce Kimpel, Bill Daniel, and Luke from Rich and Shirley's Quickprint

Please send all submissions to Joyce at t.kimpel@comcast.net by the 1st day of the printing month. We will print quarterly, November 15, February 15, May 15, and August 15 unless we have so much news we need to print more often!!!

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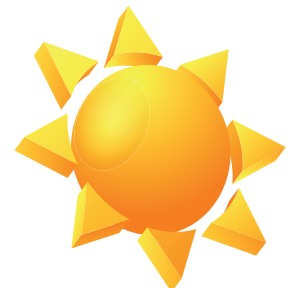
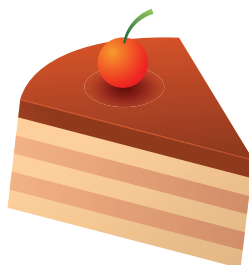
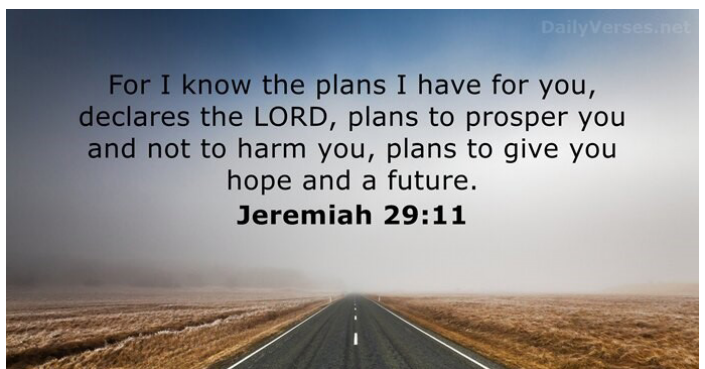
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